# Avens in Edinburgh / Lothians (& UK)

The main purpose of this sheet is to illustrate the hybrid, which is common but might otherwise be overlooked.
There are three main Avens in the region, the Wood, Water, and Hybrid. Two further Geum escapees are mentioned at the end.

| Wood Avens / Herb Bennet | Water Avens | Intermediate Avens |
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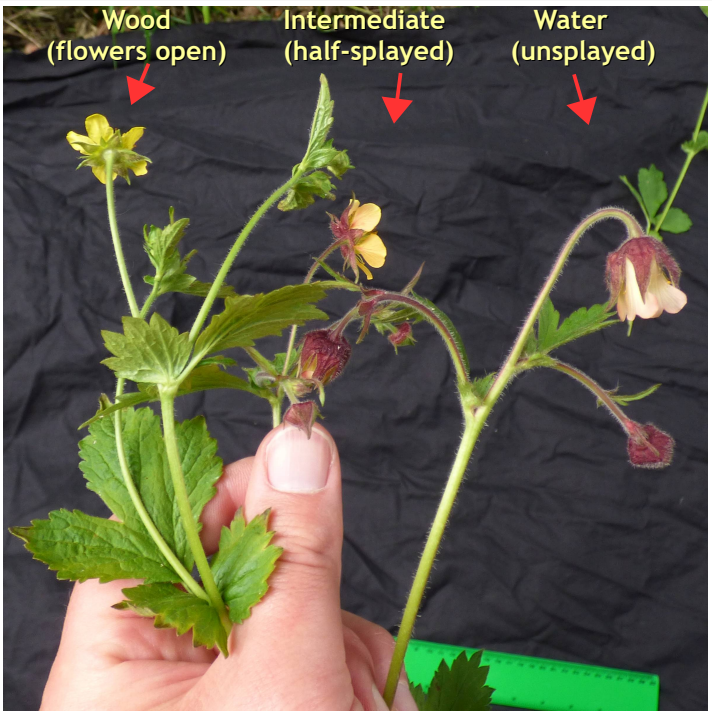
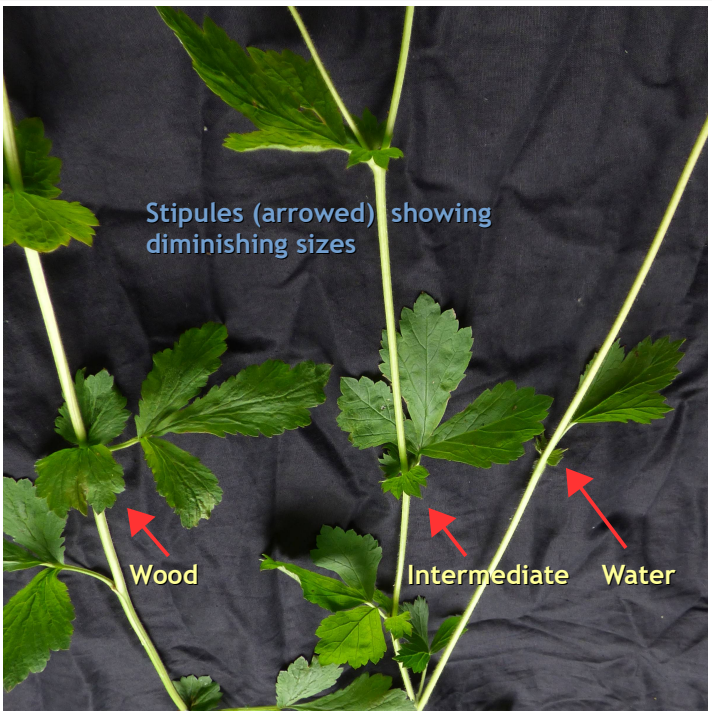
| Geum urbanum | Geum rivale | Geum x intermedium |
| Ubiquitous (not S Pentlands) | Very Widespread | Common |

## At a glance




## Overview

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| • Complex presentation<br>• Flower stalks leaning<br>• Flowers : Open, not 'nodding'. | • Simple presentation<br>• Flower stalks rather upright<br>• Flowers : Not-open, nodding. | • A mixture of the other two; sometimes errs on the larger flowers (Water), sometimes smaller (Wood). |
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# Flower Face

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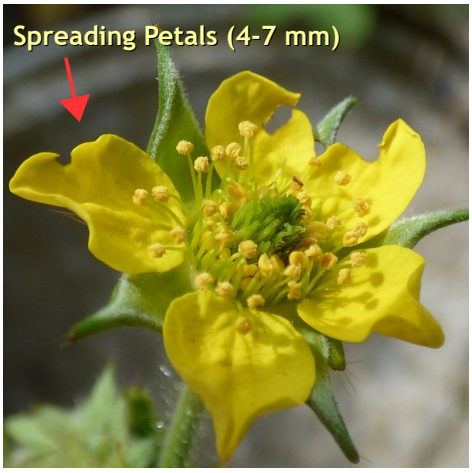
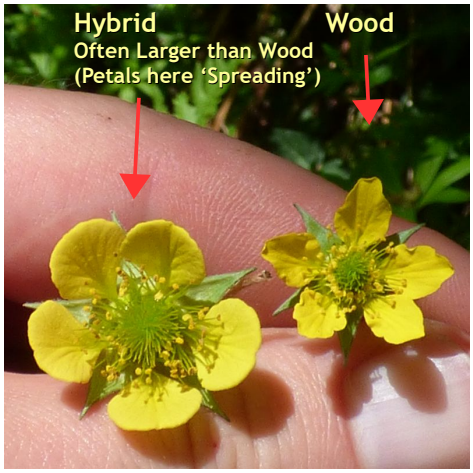
|   | |   |
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## Calyx

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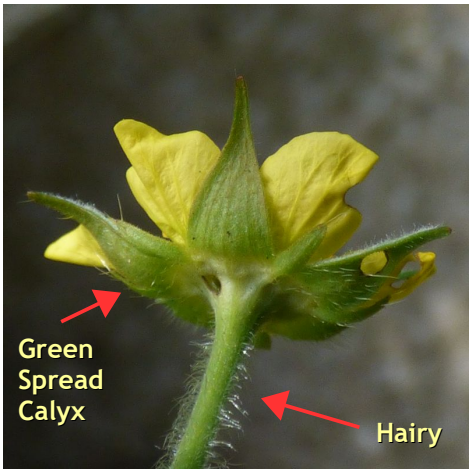
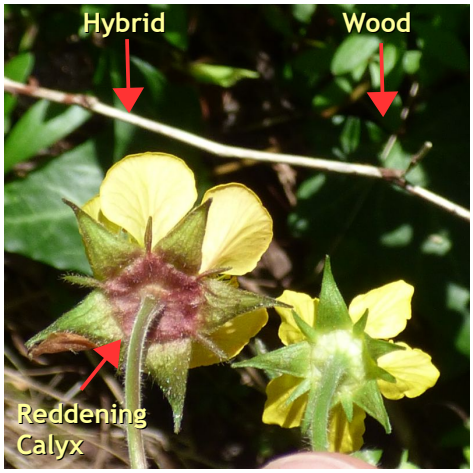
|   | |   |

## Seed Heads

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# Foliage

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## Other

**Large-leaved Avens** - Like Wood Avens; achenes in oblong head (v globose), receptacle sparse short hairs (v dense long hairs) - Uncommon; these from Easter Craiglockhart Hill - Geum macrophyllum

**Scarlet Avens** - Large bright red (or yellow) open flowers - Geum chiloense & quellyon
**British escapees** further include Geum coccineum & reptans.

## Info

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